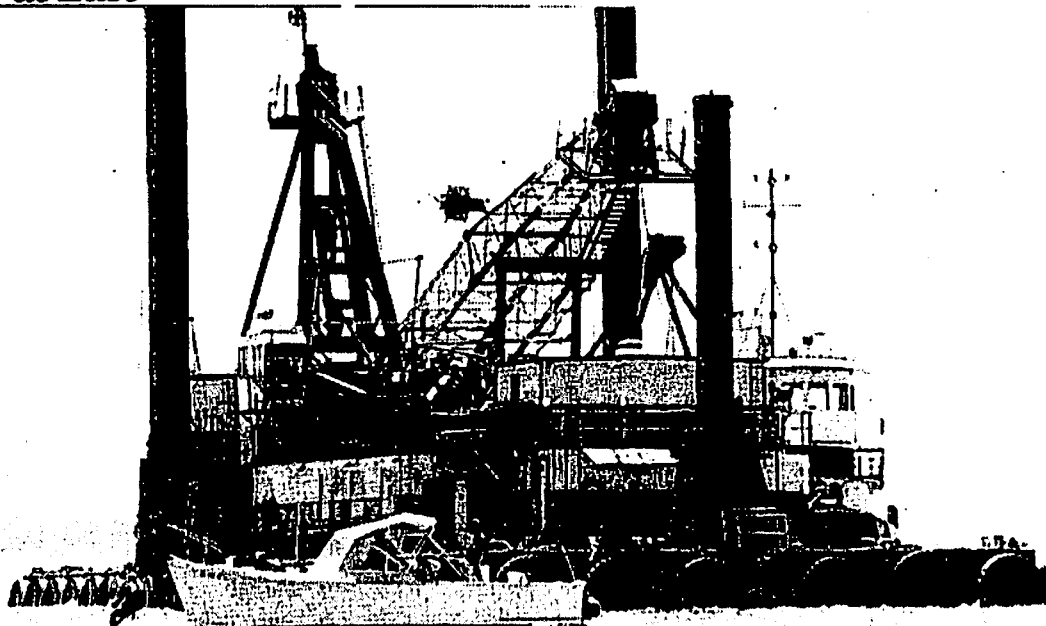


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Here at Last



Weeks Marine of Camden N.J., under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, began dredge work at high tide last Monday morning. The barge was a welcome sight to local mariners and Harbormaster Don Beers, who have been waiting many years for approval to remove a build-up of silt in the harbor. The tugboat "Trevor" is shown beside the barge.

Photo by Deni Johnson

Long Awaited Harbor Dredging Under Way

Harbormaster Don Beers said he was thrilled to see the start of the long-awaited harbor dredging project with the high tide Monday morning.

On Sunday, he boarded one of the barges which will be home base for the operation which began this week at the channel's entrance. The anchorage area won't be touched for a month as part of a project which will cover 22 acres.

The \$1.8 million dredging project will take place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for at least the next 135 days. The contractor, Weeks Marine of Camden, N.J., under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New

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• received a report from Harbormaster Donald Beers about the dredging project, which began Monday night. A 100 ft barge and 2 large scows are already working on dredging the channel and Beers said he is "very happy" that the project has begun. Boat owners with moorings in the vicinity will be called by the harbormaster's office because their boats must be removed and their moorings will be relocated. Beers expects the dredgers to be finished with the channel by Sept. 1. He said they must finish the complete dredging project before Nov. 1 because they must begin dredging another site.

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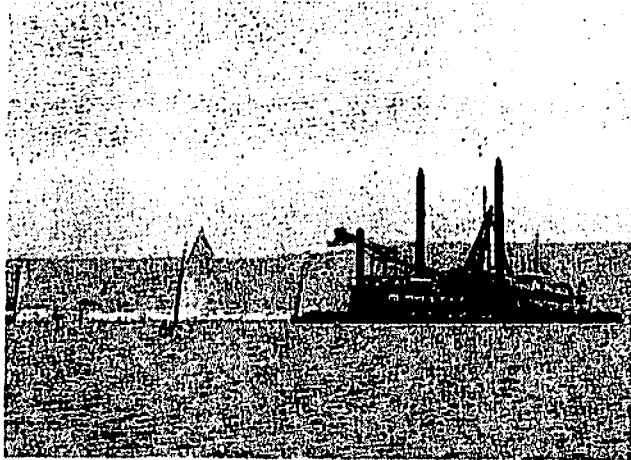
England Division, expects to finish in 88 days around the end of October.

The dredging will be accomplished using the clamshell dredge with dump scows. The tugboat 'Trevor' will tow the scows from the Duxbury Harbor channel to the Cowyard channel through Plymouth Bay and proceed directly across Cape Cod Bay to the Cape Cod Disposal site located in East Central Cape Cod Bay.

Beers has already cleared the anchorage area closest to the harbor. It will be after Labor Day when the town harbor will be dredged. Work began at buoy number 12 in the main channel and will move toward shore.

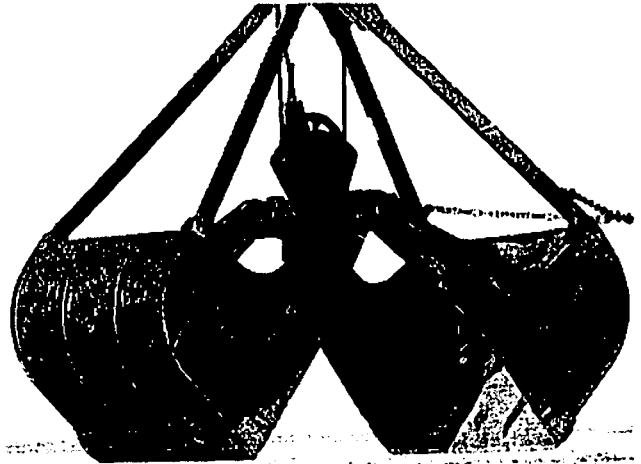
The dredging inspector will live in town and monitor the project around the clock. As the work moves toward the harbor Beers, will step up patrols to help Weeks Marine keep the area clear as they dredge.

Boaters are asked not to come into the area where the dredging work is under way.



Dredging is scheduled to last until Oct. 31 of this year. The tugboat, "Trevor" will tow the dump scows from Duxbury Harbor.

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These huge "jaws" will lift dredge spoils from the harbor and transport them to an ocean dumpsite located in East Central Cape Cod Bay.